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Admiral Thomas E. Moorer, U.S. Navy  
Chief of Naval Operations  
Department of Defense

Dear Tom:

Joe Carroll has just sent me a copy of his 29 April letter to you on the subject of Admiral Hyland's problems with his use of satellite photography for contingency planning. Joe has covered the subject very well, and I join him in suggesting that Admiral Hyland try the current procedures. If in the course of time they require revision, I shall see that necessary changes are made.

With regard to your suggestion to downgrade KH-4 photography to SECRET/NOFORN, I believe that Joe Carroll has given you an accurate description of the present situation.

Sincerely,

/s/ Richard Helms

Richard Helms  
Director

cc: Lt. General Joseph F. Carroll

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CONCUR: /s/ R. J. Smith  
Deputy Director for Intelligence

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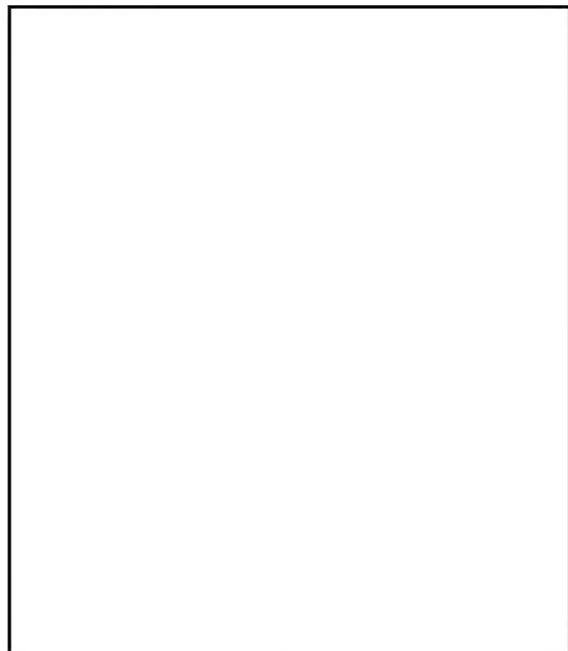
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**Lt. General Joseph F. Carroll**  
**Director, Defense**  
**Intelligence Agency**

Thank you for the copy of your response to Admiral Moorer's letter. Attached is a copy of my short note to Admiral Moorer.

In your letter to me you ask whether COMIREX should review the question of downgrading KH photography again. I do not believe that such a review would be beneficial at this time. /s/ Richard Helms

**Richard Helms**

**Attachment:**

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**MEMORANDUM FOR:** Director of Central Intelligence

**SUBJECT :** Proposed Response to Admiral Moorer

1. Attached is a letter to Admiral Moorer for your signature (Tab A). It is in response to his letter outlining the need for using sanitized KH photography for contingency plans and proposing that KH-4 photography be downgraded to SECRET/NOFORN (Tab B). He also sent you a copy of a memorandum from Admiral Hyland (CINCPAC) complaining about the current sanitization procedures (Tab C).

2. General Carroll who also received copies of these documents has looked into the matter and has responded to Admiral Moorer (Tab D). He says the present procedures are not so difficult and should be tried. He also explains why it would not be appropriate to raise the question of downgrading KH-4 materials at this time.

3. In transmitting his response, General Carroll asks whether you wish to ask COMIREX to review the downgrading question again (Tab E). I suggest that you send him a copy of your response to Admiral Moorer with the attached buckslip which says not at this time (Tab F).

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4. If you approve of these responses, please sign both the letter to Admiral Moorer (Tab A) and the buckslip to General Carroll (Tab F).

/s/ R. J. Smith

**R. J. SMITH**  
Deputy Director for Intelligence

**Attachments:**

- Tab A - Letter to Admiral Moorer for the  
Director's Signature
- Tab B - Letter from Admiral Moorer to Mr. Helms
- Tab C - Memorandum from Admiral Hyland
- Tab D - Letter from General Carroll to Admiral Moorer
- Tab E - Letter from General Carroll to the Director
- Tab F - Blue Transmittal Slip for the  
Director's Signature

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